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Unqualified employees of the former Pudukkottai State

* 2114 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of permanent hands listed as " unqualified ", as per each department, of the former Pudukkottai State;

(*b*) the number of such " unqualified " employees absorbed as per each department and allowed the arrears of Madras State scales of pay from 1st January 1949 and the number not allowed the arrears from 1st January 1949;

(*c*) the number of such " unqualified " not absorbed and not given the Madras State scales at all;

(*d*) the number of temporary employees of the former Pudukkottai State Service listed " unqualified " as per each department; and

(*e*) the number of such hands ousted from service after 3rd March 1948 date of merger?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) *to* (*e*) A statement [a] showing the particulars required by the hon. Member is laid on the table of the House."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, from the statistics so kindly given by the Hon. Minister, it is very clear that the overwhelming majority have been given the Madras State scales of pay from 1st January 1949 and only a small minority have not been given from that date. May I know why should there be this difference in treatment and discrimination in the case of the same class and group of people? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There was no discrimination. Such of the unqualified staff as have been absorbed by relaxing qualification rules and condoning their deficiencies in qualifications have been allowed arrears of pay from 1st January 1949 by being treated as qualified hands. Orders clarifying the date from which unqualified employees will be entitled to arrears were issued only on 14th May 1951. In the case of some who had been allowed arrears from 1st January 1949 by mistake prior to the issue of orders, it was ordered that arrears paid already need not be recovered as that would mean great hardship to the people affected. This was how it happened that while some people had been allowed arrears from 1st January 1949, others were allowed arrears only from 14th May 1951."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, can even a clerical mistake form the basis for heart-burning for some and jubilation for others? Out of 120 persons who have been absorbed, 84 persons have been allowed the arrears of Madras State scales of pay from 1st January 1949 and only 36 have been denied this. Who is

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responsible for this? Why should the mistake of a superior official or the department that did not recommend the absorption in time of these people adversely affect them? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sure that heart-burning would have died down by this time. It happened four or five years ago and I do not think it is good to reopen the subject now."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Question No. 2115 will be taken up on the 20th instant."

Acquisition of lands for tank improvement

* 2116 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether about 100 acres of patta lands were acquired by the Government in Konoor village in Vriddhachalam taluk for purposes of tank improvement;

(*b*) whether poramboke lands in Konoor and Kosappallam villages were promised to be assigned to the villagers concerned in return for the above lands acquired;

(*c*) whether the promise has since been withdrawn and compensation in cash only is offered instead;

(*d*) if so, the reasons therefor;

(*e*) whether the villagers have represented their unwillingness to take the compensation in cash; and

(*f*) if so, the action taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" The answer[a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know whether there are any pending cases still to be compensated either in cash or by assignment of lands? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I want notice, Sir."

Renovation of Ramachandra tank in Sulur

* 2117 *Q.*—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the preliminary investigation for the renovation of Ramachandra tank, Sulur, Coimbatore district, has been completed by Irrigation department;

(*b*) whether the scheme has been recommended by the District Planning Board of Government for execution;

(*c*) if so, the estimated cost thereof; and

(*d*) when it is going to be taken up for execution?

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[a] **Printed as Appendix IV on pages 217–218 infra.**